(b) the progress made in the completion of that project;

(c) the steps taken to expedite the execution of that project; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):

(a) Potteru Irrigation Project has been taken up for execution as a part of Potteru Irrigation-cum-Resettlement Scheme for resettlement of 11,000 families of displaced persons from former East Pakistan and tribals.

(b) Barrage and Head Regulators have been completed. The work of main canals has been completed to the extent of 98% and the work on distribution system is in progress. An expenditure of Rs. 91.28 crores has been incurred till 1/95 against latest approved estimated cost of 102.39 crores.

(c) and (d) The Central Water Commission has been entrusted with the monitoring of the project and an amount of Rs. 80.56 crores has been reimbursed to the State Government against the share of Central Government of Rs. 94.83 crores. The project is scheduled for completion by June. 1996.

Sharing of Ganga water between India and Bangladesh

4259. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sharing of Ganga water by India and Bangladesh has not been finalised so far;

(b) whether bilateral talks are proposed to be held between both the countries to settle the dispute;

(c) if so, the tentative date fixed for the purpose and the venue decided therefor; and

(d) the details of the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Bilateral talks are proposed to be held in the next meeting of the Joint Committee of Experts in Delhi, the date and time of which would depend on the response from Bangladesh, which is awaited.

Guidelines for water allocation of Inter-State River

4260. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared draft national policy guidelines for water allocation of inter-State rivers among the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Main features of the guidelines are: The river basins will be reckoned as a unit for inter-State water allocation.

All co-basin States and the Centre would be parties to the process of allocation.

Allocation of consider the reasonable possibility of utilisation.

Allocation to be based on the principle of equitable apportionment.

States will be free to utilise their share in any way without conflicting with the overriding national interest.

Inter-State agreements between all the co-basin States are normally to be accommodated.

Existing pre-plan uses and approved plan uses are to be protected.

Allocation to consider needs for environmental management, navigation in National waterways and pressing needs of non-co-basin state etc. as National interests.

Setting up monitoring and implementing mechanism to oversee allocations as made.

Water allocation normally to be reviewed after 40 years.

Pending Irrigation Schemes of Rajasthan and Orissa

4261. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals of Rajasthan and Orissa Governments regarding (i) irrigation schemes which are pending with the Central Government indicating major, medium and minor irrigation schemes; (ii) surface water scheme. (iii) concerning schemes involving cooperation with neighbouring State/countries; and (iv) under flood control programme etc.;

(b) if so, what are the details (State-wise); and

(c) the time likely to be taken by Central Government for expenditure clearance of each proposal (State-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The statement in respect of new major, medium irrigation and Flood Control Schemes of Rajasthan and Orissa at the Centre is given in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix 173, annexure No. 86) Flood Control Schemes costing upto Rs. 1.00 crore and Minor Irrigation Schemes are approved by the States themselves and their details are not kept at the Centre.

(c) The clearance of the project depends upon how soon the State Government complies with the observations of Central Appraising Agencies and obtains clearances from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Ministry of Welfare, etc.

Major and medium irrigation projects in Uttar Pradesh

4262. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the major and medium irrigation projects of Uttar Pradesh lagging behind their original time schedule;

(b) the cost escalation as a result thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Central Government seeking financial assistance for the completion of these projects during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the steps taken/or being taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) A Statement is attached. (*See* below)

(c) Cost escalation is due to inadequate provision of funds, increase in cost of materials and labour, delay in land acquisition, change of scope of the project, change in design of major structures, etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.